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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHE  
ON EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

REF: A. STATE 231273 B. STATE 229882

C. MOSCOW 14645 D. BONN 15628

E. STATE 219657 F. BONN 14571

1. UK BONN GROUP REP IS UNAVAILABLE, AND WE WILL BE  
UNABLE TO REOPEN QUESTION OF WHERE ALLIED REPLY SHOULD  
BE PUBLISHED, AS INSTRUCTED REF A, BEFORE MONDAY  
(SEPTEMBER 20). THE BRITISH WILL NOT IN ANY CASE HAVE  
INSTRUCTIONS ON DELIVERY OF REPLY BEFORE MONDAY, AS FCO  
DECIDED PROPOSED TEXT HAD TO BE PUT TO CROSLAND. WE  
ARE TOLD IT HAS BEEN PUT IN HIS WEEKEND READING.

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2. WHEN QUESTION OF PUBLICATION WAS FIRST DISCUSSED

IN BONN GROUP ON AUGUST 31, IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK VIEWS OF CAPITALS ON PREFERRED PLACE OF PUBLICATION (PARA 8, REF F). AS DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS APPROVING PUBLICATION DID NOT ADDRESS THAT ISSUE (REF E), US REP WENT ALONG WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH PREFERENCE FOR PUBLICATION IN CAPITALS WHEN QUESTION WAS NEXT DISCUSSED ON SEPTEMBER 16 (REF D). THERE WAS GENERAL SENTIMENT AGAINST RELEASE IN MOSCOW AND GENERAL FEELING THAT IT WOULD BE RATHER UNUSUAL FOR BONN EMBASSIES TO ANNOUNCE WHAT THEIR COLLEAGUES IN MOSCOW WERE DOING -- HENCE THE BONN GROUP RECOMMENDATION FOR RELEASE IN CAPITALS.

3. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU), QUERIED THIS MORNING, THINKS PARIS WOULD, HOWEVER, CONCUR IN RELEASE IN BONN GIVEN DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE FOR DOING SO. HE WILL CHECK ON MONDAY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT FRG REP WILL GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER THE ALLIES DECIDE. THE MAIN AUDIENCE FOR THE PRESS RELEASES IS THE FRG, BUT GERMAN MEDIA WILL PICK UP THE MESSAGE PROMPTLY WHEREVER IT ORIGINATES.

4. BOISSIEU OPPOSES THE IDEA OF CONVENING A SPECIAL BONN GROUP SESSION ON MONDAY TO ATTEMPT TO DRAFT A COMMON PRESS LINE AND WONDERS WHETHER DESK OFFICERS IN THE THREE CAPITALS COULD NOT PROVIDE SPOKESMEN WITH ENOUGH BACKGROUND TO FIELD QUESTIONS. GIVEN STATE OF BONN GROUP AGENDA WE TEND TO AGREE THAT SUCH A DRAFTING SESSION WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE. IF, THEREFORE, UK ON MONDAY HOLDS OUT FOR PUBLICATION IN CAPITALS E WILL CABLE UNILATERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE ASKED IN WASHINGTON. WE DOUBT THAT RESPONSES IN LONDON AND PARIS WOULD VARY SIGNIFICANTLY.  
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